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SUBJECT: BRITISH AIRWAYS STRIKE THREAT TONIGHT

1. ABOUT 600 BRITISH AIRWAYS STEWARDS AND STEWARDESSES (OVERSEAS DIVISION) ARE STILL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO DECIDE WHETHER A STRIKE SHOULD BE CALLED FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT (MAY 6).

2. CABIN CREW HAVE VOTED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO REJECT A STAGE THREE PAY OFFER. JOHN COUSINS, NATIONAL OFFICER OF THE TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION, TO WHICH THE CABIN CREW BRANCH (THE BRITISH AIRWAYS STEWARDS AND STEWARDESSES ASSOCIATION) IS AFFILIATED, IS TRYING, HOWEVER, TO PERSUADE THEM TO CALL OFF THEIR STRIKE. HE IS URGING THEM TO WAIT UNTIL A JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY INVESTIGATION OF THEIR CLAIM CAN GET UNDER WAY.

3. HOWEVER, IF DESPITE THE TGWU NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
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EFFORTS THE UNION DECIDES TO GO AHEAD ANYWAY, SERVICES

FROM HEATHROW, MANCHESTER AND PRESTWICK TO NORTH
AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN, SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA AND THE
FAR EAST, WOULD BE HIT. EUROPEAN FLIGHTS, HOWEVER,
WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

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